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REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action, claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite. In addition, claims 1, 3, 4 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by the Moroi et al. '198 patent, and Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious and thus unpatentable over the Moroi et al. '198 patent when combined with the Ban et al. '108 patent.

Claims 7-17 were allowed as originally filed, and claims 2, 5, and 6 were not rejected on the merits.

By this Amendment, all of the claims which were rejected in the Action under §102 or §103 have been withdrawn from the application at this time. Although the Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's rejections of the claims under §102 and §103, the Applicant is withdrawing them from the case at this time in order to allow a patent to issue from the application and in order to possibly present the withdrawn claims in a continuation application.

Also, Claim 2 which was only rejected under §112 and not rejected on the merits, has been amended to put it into better form and to contain all of the limitations previously contained in now-cancelled claim 1. In addition, the subject matter of former dependent claims 3-6 has now been presented in new claims 20-23, all dependent from claim 2 which now is an independent claim.

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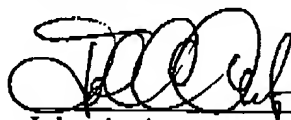
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Accordingly, it is submitted that all of the claims remaining in the case, namely claims 2, 7-17 and 20-23 are in proper form and patentably distinguish from the prior art. Thus, allowance of the remaining claims and passage of the application to issuance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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